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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## The City of Falls Church Aiming to Become Virginia's First EPA Green Power Community

The City of Falls Church is working to become the first U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Green Power Community in Virginia. EPA Green Power Communities are towns, cities, or counties in which the local government, residents, and businesses collectively purchase renewable energy in amounts that meet EPA benchmarks. The goal for residents and businesses of the City of Falls Church is to support just over 4,000 megawatt-hours (MWhs) of renewable energy, or three percent of the community's annual electricity usage.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to help the City reach its goal by; purchasing renewable energy through programs like the Dominion Green Power® Program; generating onsite green power; spreading the word about the Community Challenge; or requesting a speaker for your organization.

"Enrolling in programs like the Dominion Green Power Program is a great option for residents of the City of Falls Church to show their support for clean energy technologies and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, while collectively helping the City achieve its goal of becoming a Green Power Community," said Johannah Barry, City of Falls Church Council Member.

Residents and businesses can find more information on the City's website, <a href="https://www.fallschurchva.gov/GreenPower">www.fallschurchva.gov/GreenPower</a>.

The City of Falls Church is currently purchasing renewable energy equal to five percent of its total electricity use. This has qualified the City to become an official EPA Green Power Partner.

Once successful in becoming an EPA Green Power Community, the City of Falls Church will join 33 other Communities across the United States in committing to match a portion of their total electricity use with renewable energy. EPA Green Power Communities can be found in more than a dozen states from Texas to Philadelphia. Falls Church is attempting to become the first in the Commonwealth.

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